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# Crop Report

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**For the Period April 19 to 25, 2011**

There are a few localized areas in the province where producers have started field work, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

However, due to the excess moisture, the majority of Saskatchewan's producers are at least two weeks away from seeding. A few areas in the southwest, west-central and northwest have dried up enough for producers to start harrowing, picking rocks, applying fertilizer and controlling weeds. There have been only a few reports of seeding to date.

## **One year ago**

One per cent of the 2010 crop had been seeded. The 10 year (2001-2010) provincial average for this time of year is just under two per cent seeded.

The majority of crop reporters are indicating fields are still very wet. Warm days with some wind will be needed before fields can support machinery. Very little precipitation has been recorded in the province during the past two weeks, which has helped in getting producers closer to field operations.

All crop reporters are indicating adequate livestock water availability. Fifty-five per cent of the crop reporters have indicated excellent to good pasture conditions, while 45 per cent are reporting fair to very poor conditions. Due to the late spring, growth in the pastures is slow. In many areas both pasture and crop land are flooded or inaccessible.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and checking fences.

## **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Most of the region's crop reporters have indicated seeding will be at least two weeks away. There has been very little field activity to date. The recent warm and windy weather has helped the saturated soil conditions. The water is starting to recede and infiltrate in most areas. The majority of snow has melted, with the exception of shelterbelts and north-facing slopes. Rural municipalities are busy repairing roads that were cut or washed out. Very little precipitation was recorded in the region. The Carnduff and Pense areas reported six and four mm, respectively.

Due to the late spring, pastures are slow to start with spring growth. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible. Fifty-seven per cent of the crop reporters have indicated

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pastures are in excellent to good condition. Forty-three per cent have rated pasture condition in fair to very poor condition.

Crop reporters have indicated that many farmers are undecided on seeding intentions due to the wet field conditions. By this time of year, many producers are normally in the fields putting down fertilizer or controlling weeds.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and fixing fences.

#### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Some producers have been able to get into the fields to do some pre-seeding field work. Some are anticipating getting in to the fields by next week, while others are predicting it will be two weeks before the ground will support machinery. Spring runoff is ongoing. Snow and large bodies of water are present in some fields. There have been no reports of seeding to date, although a few reporters are hoping to start by the weekend.

Warm weather is needed to dry fields and get pastures growing. Sixty-six of the reporters are indicating pastures are in excellent to good condition, while 34 per cent are reporting fair to poor pasture conditions. Very little rain was reported in the region. The Shaunavon area recorded six mm and the Vanguard area recorded five mm. There are reports of some seed treatments being in short supply.

Farmers are busy calving, branding, hauling cattle to pasture, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and fixing fences.

#### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

Snow melt and spring runoff is occurring with the warmer weather of the last few days. Crop reporters are indicating severe flooding in areas, damaged roads and culverts and farm yards under water. Seeding is expected to be delayed for at least another two to three weeks in crop districts 5A and 5B. In Crop District 6A, conditions are a little drier in areas as water is receding, and some producers have just started pre-seeding field work. The Kelliher and Bethune areas reported five and three mm of rain for the week.

Thirty-three per cent of crop reporters have rated pasture conditions as excellent to good. Forty-five per cent rated pasture conditions as fair to poor and 22 per cent have rated conditions as very poor. Many pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and fixing fences.

#### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

A few producers were able to get onto the land to do some pre-seeding field work. Others are anticipating field work will start next week. Seeding operations are one to two weeks away.

Seventy-eight per cent of crop reporters are indicating pastures are in excellent to good condition, while 22 per cent of crop reporters rated pastures in fair to poor condition. There is adequate moisture for the pastures but heat is needed to get them growing. The region recorded only trace amounts of precipitation in a few areas.

Dugouts are full and creeks are at holding capacity. There has been some localized flooding of roads and fields.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, hauling grain and working on machinery.

#### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Fields are very wet and field work has yet to start. Fields have started to dry during the past few days. Most crop reporters are indicating it will be at least one to two weeks before they can get into the fields. Most of the snow is gone except for in the trees and along fences lines. Many roads are flooded or washed out. There was a power outage in the Vonda area due to power poles falling over. The Codette area reported three mm of rain.

Twenty-six per cent of crop reporters are indicating pastures are in excellent to good condition, seventy-four per cent have indicated pastures are in the fair to very poor rating. Many pastures are slow to start due to the cool spring. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Farmers are calving, readying machinery and cleaning grain.

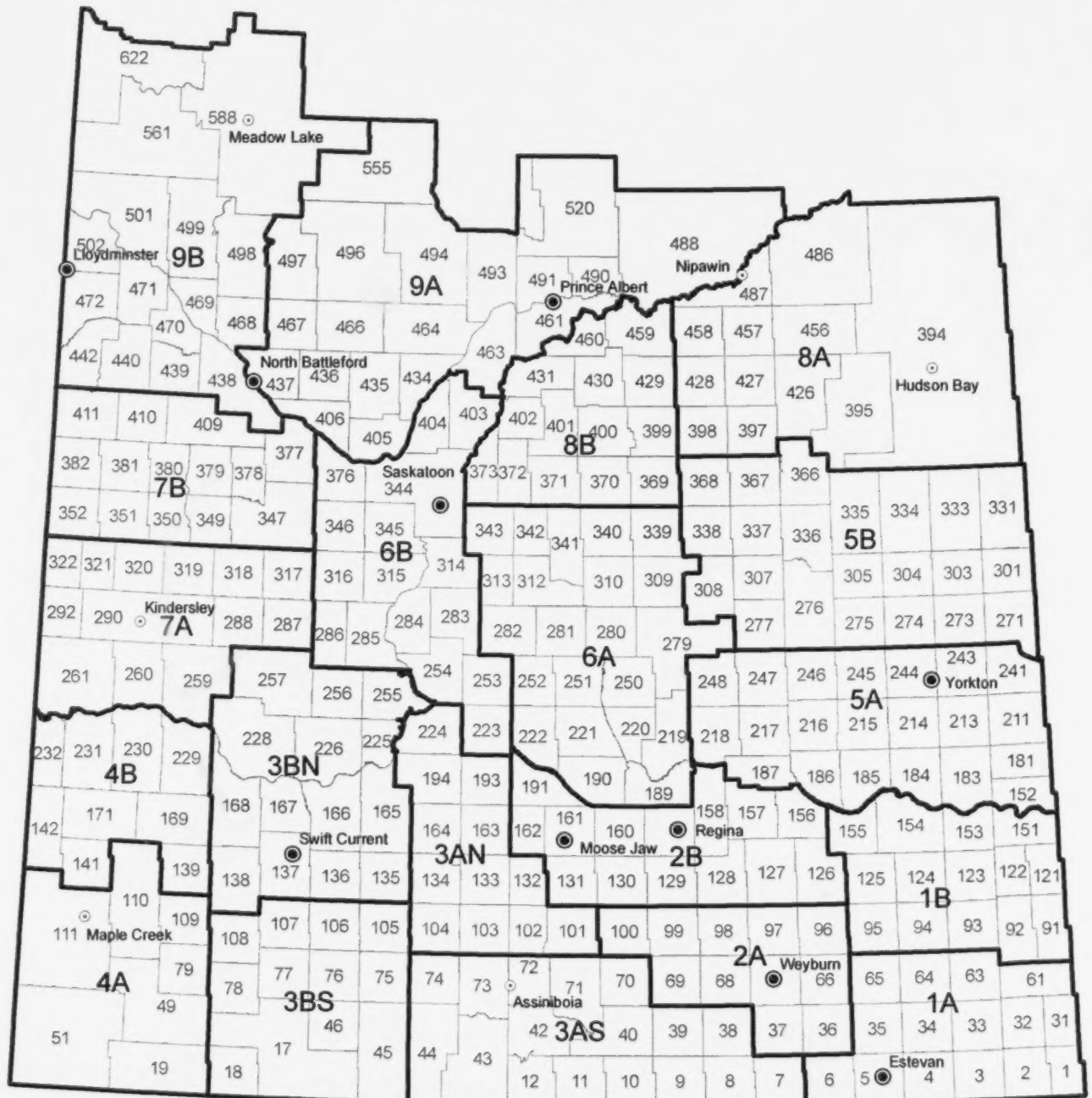
#### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

Pre-seeding field work has started in some areas of the region. Seeding operations are predicted to start in about two weeks. Fields are still quite wet, but the warm weather during the past week has started to dry the fields. Only a few areas recorded trace amounts of precipitation.

Pastures are slow to start, but should be in good condition once it warms up. Sixty-two per cent of crop reporters are indicating pastures are in excellent to good condition, while 38 per cent are rating pastures in fair to very poor condition.

Farmers are busy readying equipment, calving, moving grain and cleaning seed.

# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 19 to 25, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	38	7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	5
	2	Mount Pleasant	6	29		49 A	White Valley	N/A	N/A		347 B	Biggar	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	33		51	Reno	NIL	34		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	NIL
	33 B	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	NIL	32		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	NIL
	34	Browning	1	47		109	Carmichael	NIL	50		351	Progress	N/A	NIL
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		110	Pisport	NIL	7		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	5
	63	Moose Mountain	N/A	36		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Glenside	NIL	3
	64	Brock	NIL	30	4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL	23		378 A	Rosemount	NIL	4
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	9		141	Big Stick	NIL	27		378 B	Rosemount	NIL	1
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	22		142	Enterprise	1	25		379	Reford	NIL	5
	92	Walpole	NIL	35		169	Pittville	N/A	N/A		380	Tramping Lake	NIL	2
	95	Golden West	NIL	29		171	Fox Valley	N/A	N/A		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	NIL	41		229	Mary Creek	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	1
	123 A	Silverwood	N/A	15		231	Happyland	NIL	5		409 B	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	124 A	Kingsley	NIL	19	5A	183	Fertile Belt	N/A	8		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		186	Abernethy	NIL	5		411	Sentac	NIL	5
	125	Chester	N/A	21		211	Churchbridge	NIL	3	8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	3
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	8		213	Saltcoats	N/A	5		397	Barrier Valley	1 B	8
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	3		216	Tullymet	NIL	7		428	Star City	NIL	16
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		217	Lipton	NIL	5		456	Arborefield	1	12
	154	Elcapo	NIL	10		241	Calder	N/A	N/A		457	Connought	N/A	15
	155	Wolsley	NIL	10		243	Wallace	N/A	N/A		458	Willow Creek	3	20
2A	66	Griffin	NIL	60		245 A	Garry	N/A	7		485	Moose Range	N/A	N/A
	67	Weyburn	N/A	27		245 B	Garry	NIL	6		487	Nipawin	NIL	9
	68	Brokenshall	NIL	58		246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	2	8B	368	St. Peter	N/A	NIL
	69	Norton	N/A	32		247	Kelross	5	17		370	Humboldt	NIL	3
	97	Wellington	NIL	38		248	Touchwood	N/A	NIL		371 A	Bayne	N/A	7
2B	127 A	Francis	NIL	26	5B	271	Cole	1	1		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	127 B	Francis	NIL	8		277	Emerald	0.5	18		372	Grant	NIL	3
	129	Brat's Lake	NIL	20		305	Invermay	N/A	13		402	Fish Creek	NIL	3
	156 A	Indian Head	N/A	N/A		307	Eltros	NIL	15		429 A	Flett's Springs	N/A	N/A
	160 A	Pense	N/A	10		308	Big Quill	NIL	NIL		429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	23
	160 B	Pense	4	18		333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL		430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	181	Moose Jaw	NIL	8		333 B	Clayton	NIL	1		459	Kinstino	N/A	N/A
	191	Marquis	1	1		334	Freecerville	NIL	1		460	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A		335	Hazel Dell	NIL	10	8AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	20
	38 A	Laurier	N/A	39		336	Sasman	NIL	NIL		488 A	Torch River	N/A	N/A
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	32		337	Lakeview	N/A	8		488 B	Torch River	N/A	N/A
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	34		338	Lakeside	N/A	5	8AW	491	Buckland	NIL	11
	39 B	The Gap	N/A	50		366	Kelvington	NIL	10		406	Mayfield	NIL	NIL
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	20	5A	189	Lumsden	N/A	11		435	Redberry	N/A	N/A
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A		190 A	Dufferin	3	10		436	Douglas	NIL	8
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	2		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	5		463	Duck Lake	NIL	4
	40	Bengough	NIL	49		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	11		464	Leask	NIL	13
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	29		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	N/A		467 A	Round Hill	NIL	7
	43	Old Post	NIL	27		219 A	Longlakeston	N/A	N/A		467 B	Round Hill	NIL	7
	44	Waverley	NIL	19		220	Mokilop	NIL	NIL		494	Canwood	NIL	19
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		221	Serna	N/A	NIL		496	Spiritwood	NIL	38
	71 B	Excel	N/A	N/A		222	Craig	N/A	N/A		497	Medstead	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	NIL		251	Big Arm	NIL	1	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	8
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	36		252	Arm River	2	5		440	Hillsdale	NIL	7
	74	Wood River	NIL	30		279	Mount Hope	N/A	2		442	Manitou Lake	NIL	3
3AN	101	Terrell	1	26		280	Welford	NIL	NIL		468 A	Meota	NIL	1
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	20		282	McCraney	NIL	NIL		468 B	Meota	N/A	N/A
	103	Sutton	NIL	25		309	Prairie Rose	NIL	NIL		468 C	Meota	0.1	6
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A		313	Lost River	N/A	NIL		469	Turtle River	N/A	N/A
	134	Shamrock	N/A	N/A		339	Leroy	1.2	5		498 A	Parkdale	NIL	8
	164	Chaplin	NIL	18		340	Wolverine	NIL	NIL		498 B	Parkdale	NIL	4
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	18		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		499	Mervin	NIL	6
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	14		343	Blucher	NIL	NIL		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	7
	194	Enfield	N/A	5	8B	283	Rosedale	NIL	1		501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	6
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	49		284	Rudy	1	3		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	N/A	28		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	1		581	Loon Lake	NIL	2
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	28		286	Milden	N/A	NIL		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	4
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	NIL		314	Dundum	NIL	1		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	1
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	24		344	Coman Park	NIL	2		588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	4
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	21		346	Perdue	NIL	NIL		588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	35		378 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	6		622	Beaver River	N/A	NIL
	78 A	Grassy Creek	5	67		378 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	5					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	2	61		403	Rosthern	N/A	N/A					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	42	7A	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	NIL					
	105	Glenbairn	NIL	31		260 B	Newcombe	N/A	N/A					
	106	Whiska Creek	5	37		261	Chesterfield	NIL	5					
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	38		287	St. Andrews	NIL	NIL					
	108	Bone Creek	6	63		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	3					
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	49		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	NIL					
	166	Excelsior	NIL	18		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	N/A					
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	20		292	Milton	NIL	NIL					
	168	Riverside	NIL	10		317 A	Marmott	N/A	NIL					
	226	Victory	N/A	1		317 B	Marmott	NIL	8					
	228	Lacadena	N/A	N/A		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A					
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A		318 B	Mountain View	NIL	6					
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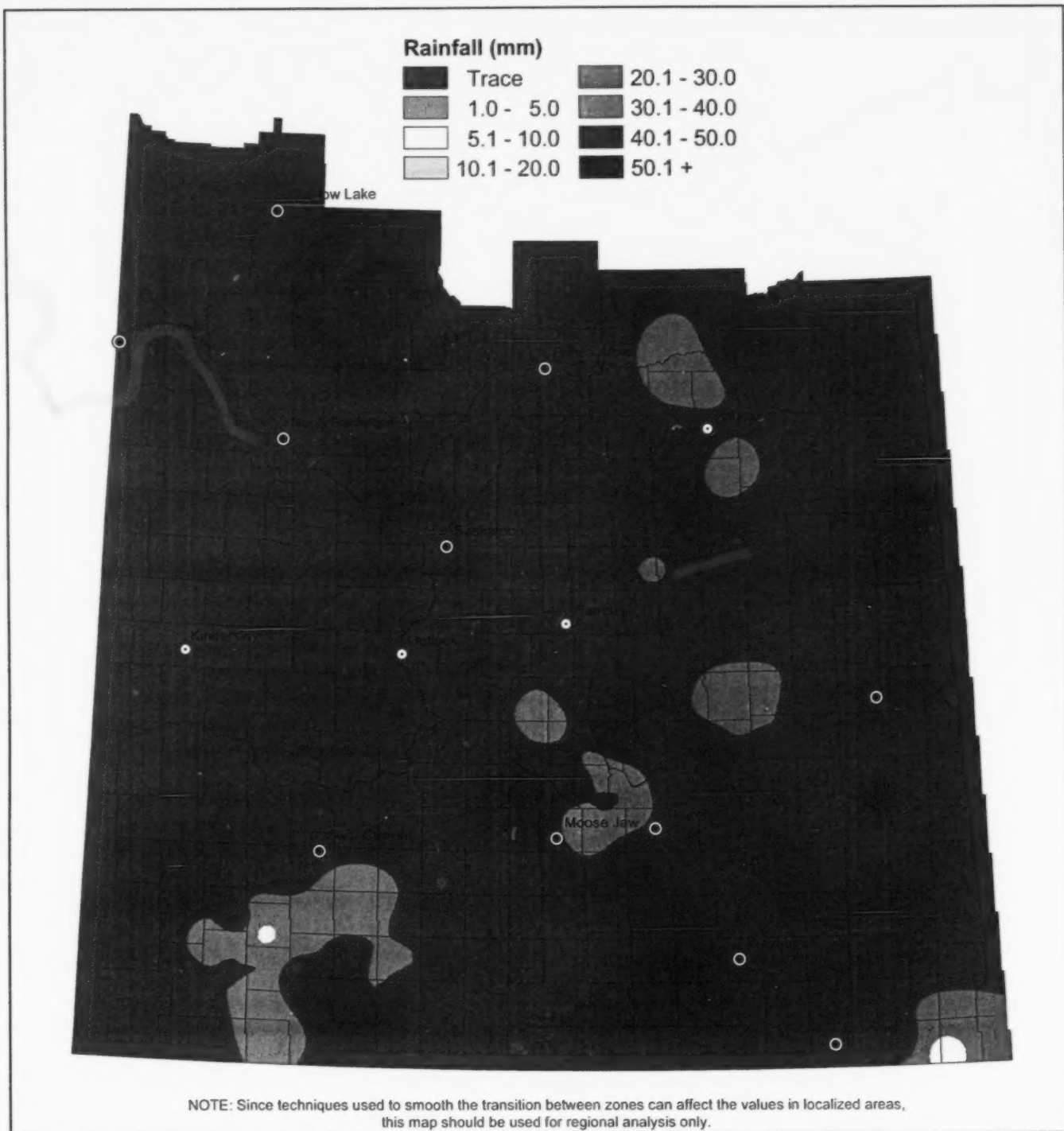
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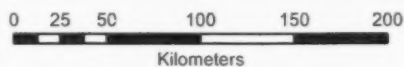
# Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 25, 2011



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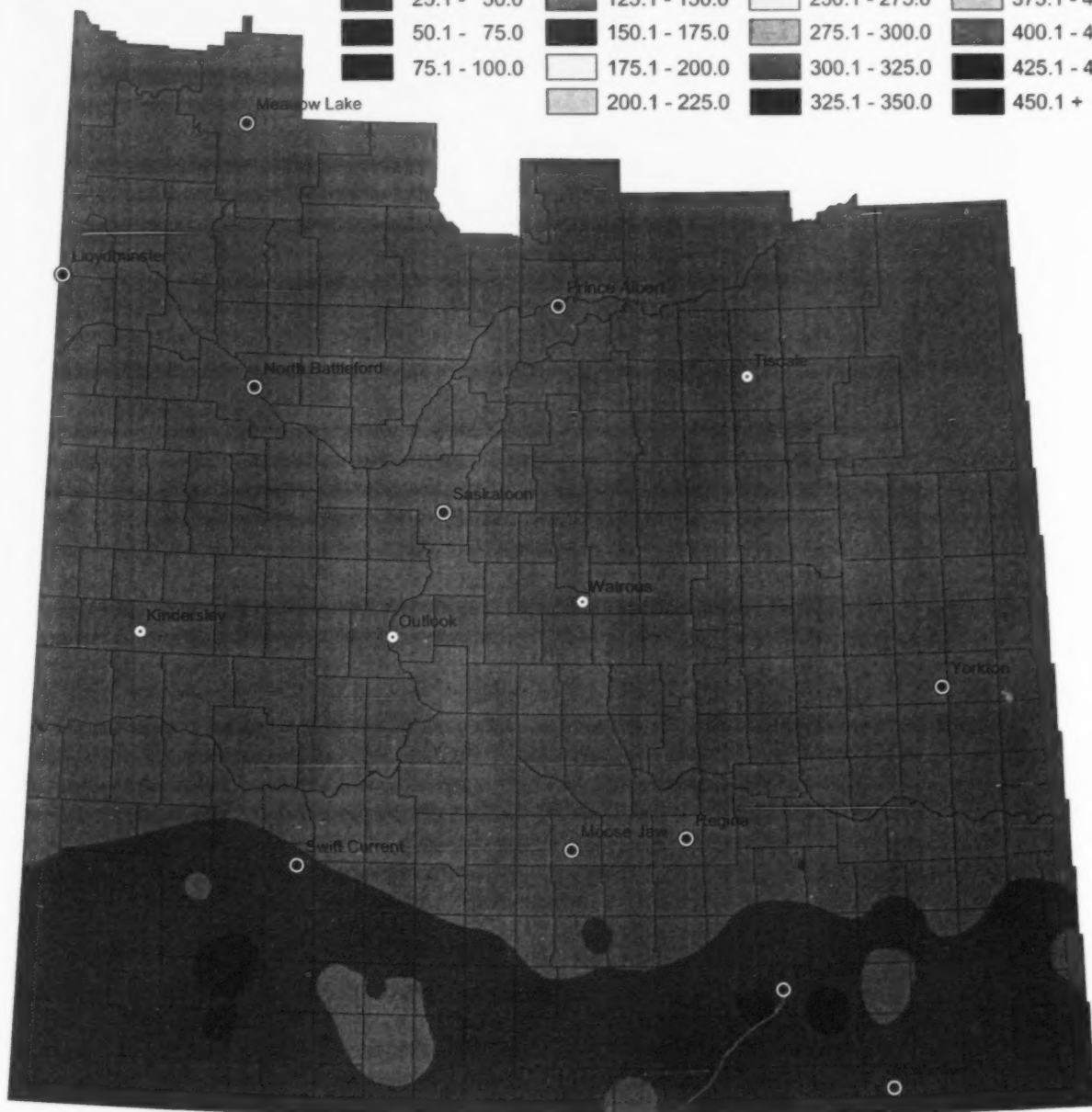
# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: April 25, 2011

## Rainfall (mm)

0.0 - 25.0	100.1 - 125.0	225.1 - 250.0	350.1 - 375.0
25.1 - 50.0	125.1 - 150.0	250.1 - 275.0	375.1 - 400.0
50.1 - 75.0	150.1 - 175.0	275.1 - 300.0	400.1 - 425.0
75.1 - 100.0	175.1 - 200.0	300.1 - 325.0	425.1 - 450.0
	200.1 - 225.0	325.1 - 350.0	450.1 +



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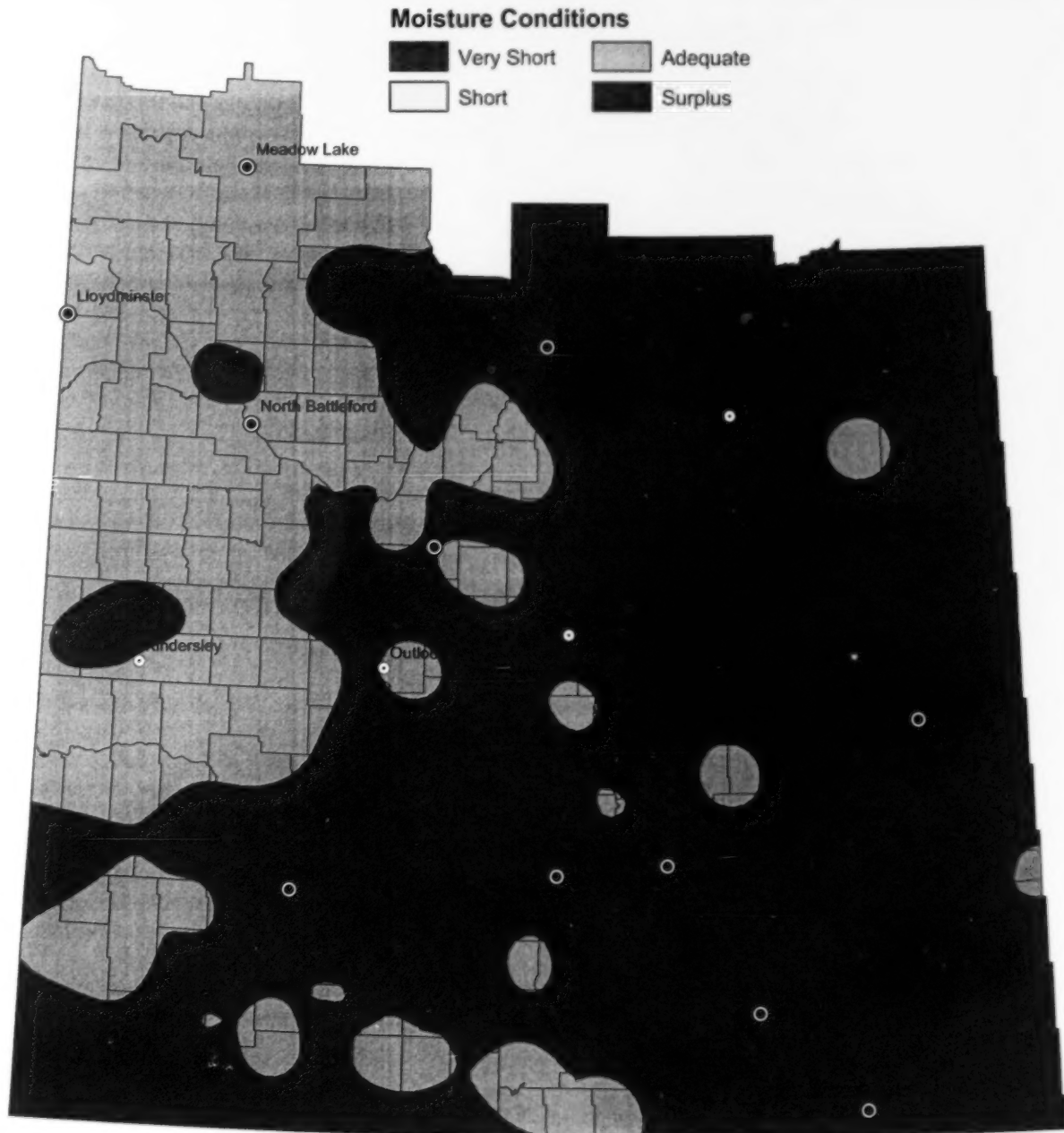


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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 26, 2011



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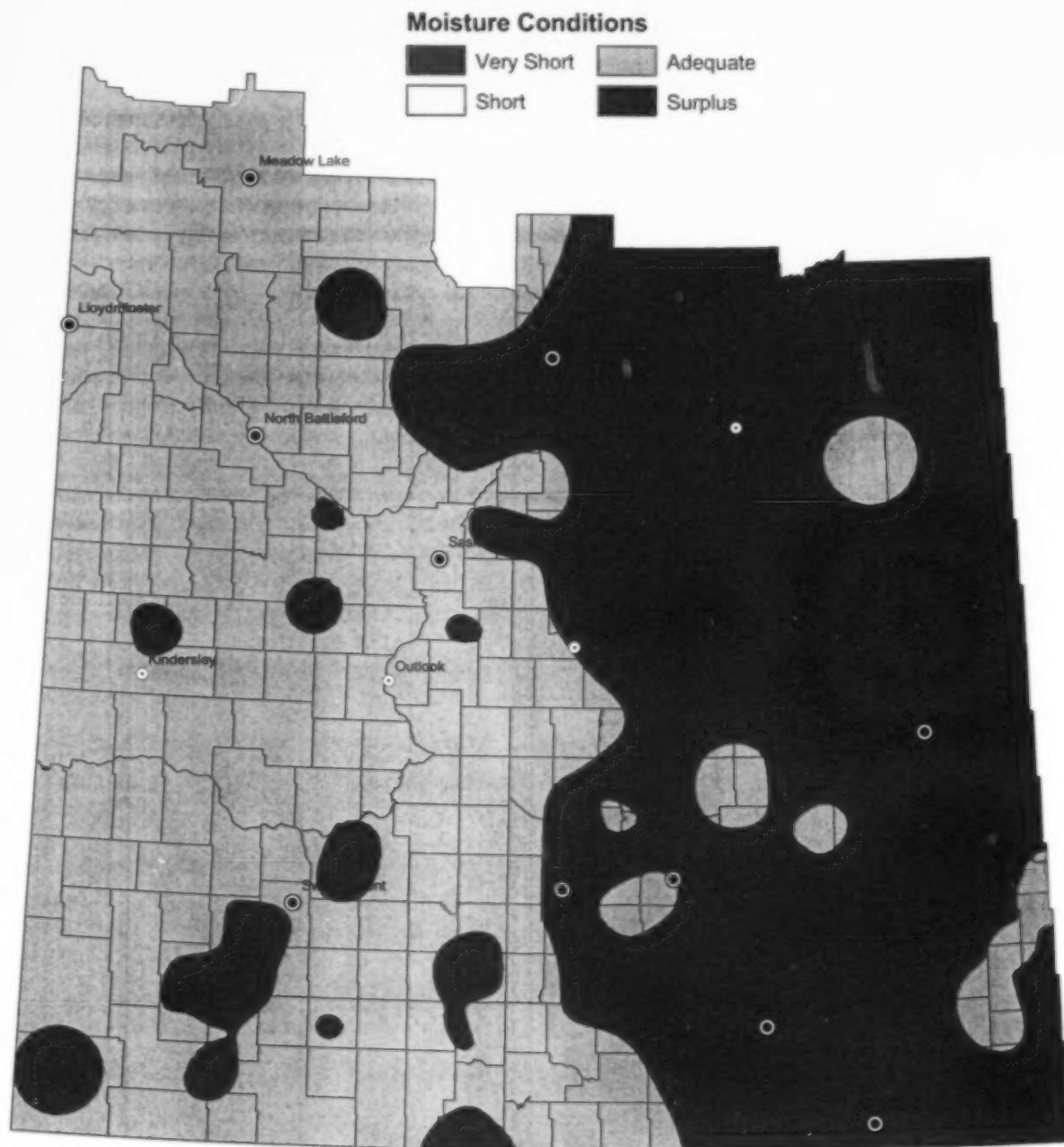
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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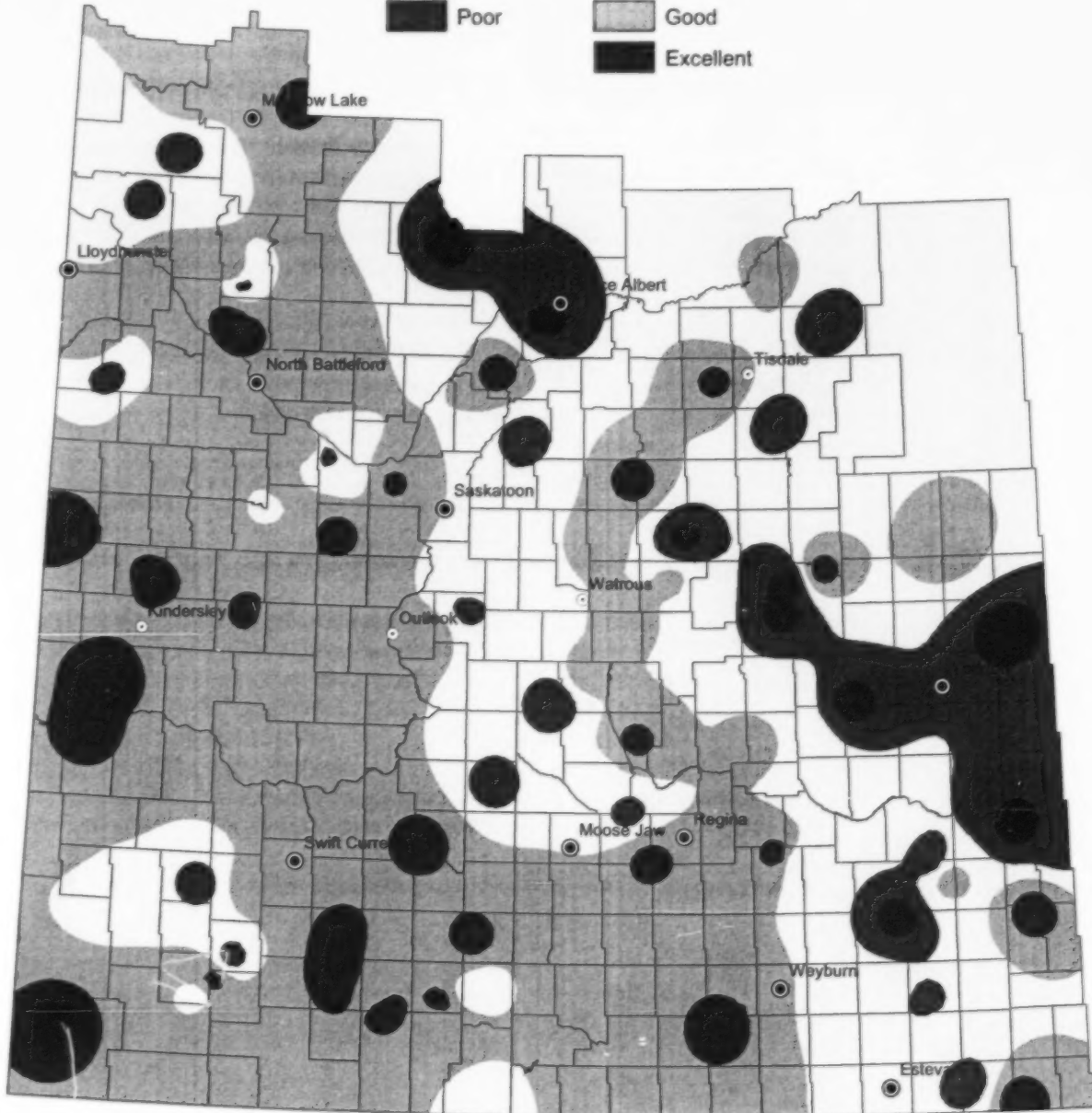
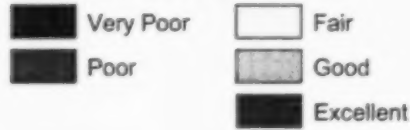
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# Pasture Conditions

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## Pasture Conditions



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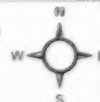


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